

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action mailed June 8, 2004. In the office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 1-7, 9-73 and 75;
- rejected 74 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gasbarro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,432,823).

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1-7 and 9-75.

Claim 74 has been amended to require storing and accessing information corresponding to the assessed phase delays. Claim 74 as amended is patentable over the prior art of record.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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